IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Kevin MOORE) :) Group: 3721
Serial No.:	10/614,477)
Filed:	07 July 2003) Examiner:) J. Sipos
Title: MACHINE FOR PACKAGING CONTAINERS		5 :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER SEP 0 2 2004

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 02 August 2004 in which the Examiner has indicated that the subject application is subject to restriction to one of two Groups. The Examiner has indicated that the subject application contains claims directed to Group I comprising Claims 1-24 and Group II comprising Claims 25-31. As a result, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I and Claims 1-24.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

1

025EPT 2004

OZSEPTZOOY

Slonature

ITW-14218.70

K/S

847 490 1403

Serial No.: 10/614,477

SEP-02-2004 15:58

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully urges that the application is now

in condition for examination, and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Erickson Reg. No. 38,736

Pauley Petersen & Erickson 2800 W. Higgins Road; Suite 365 Hoffman Estates, IL 60195 (847) 490-1400 FAX (847) 490-1403